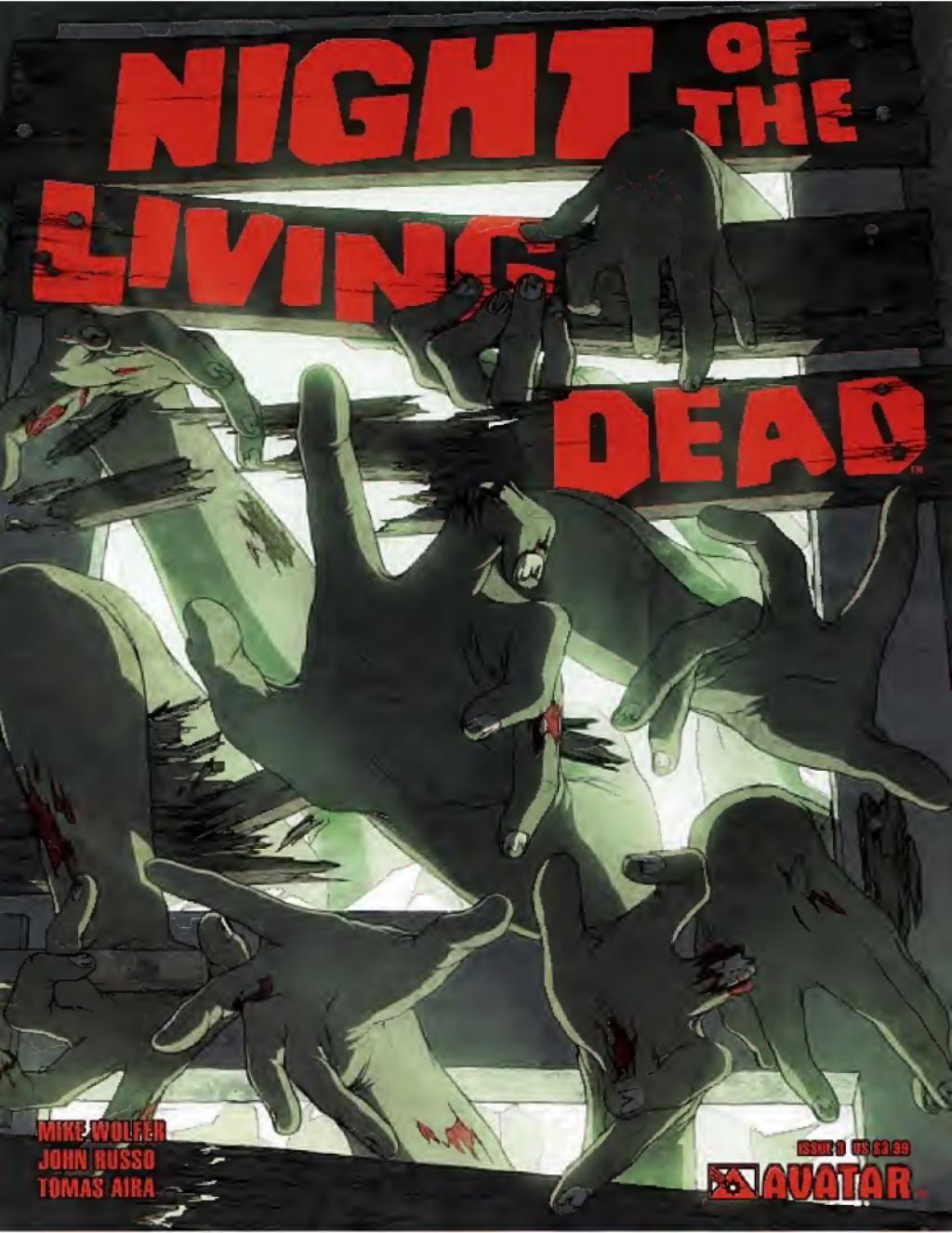


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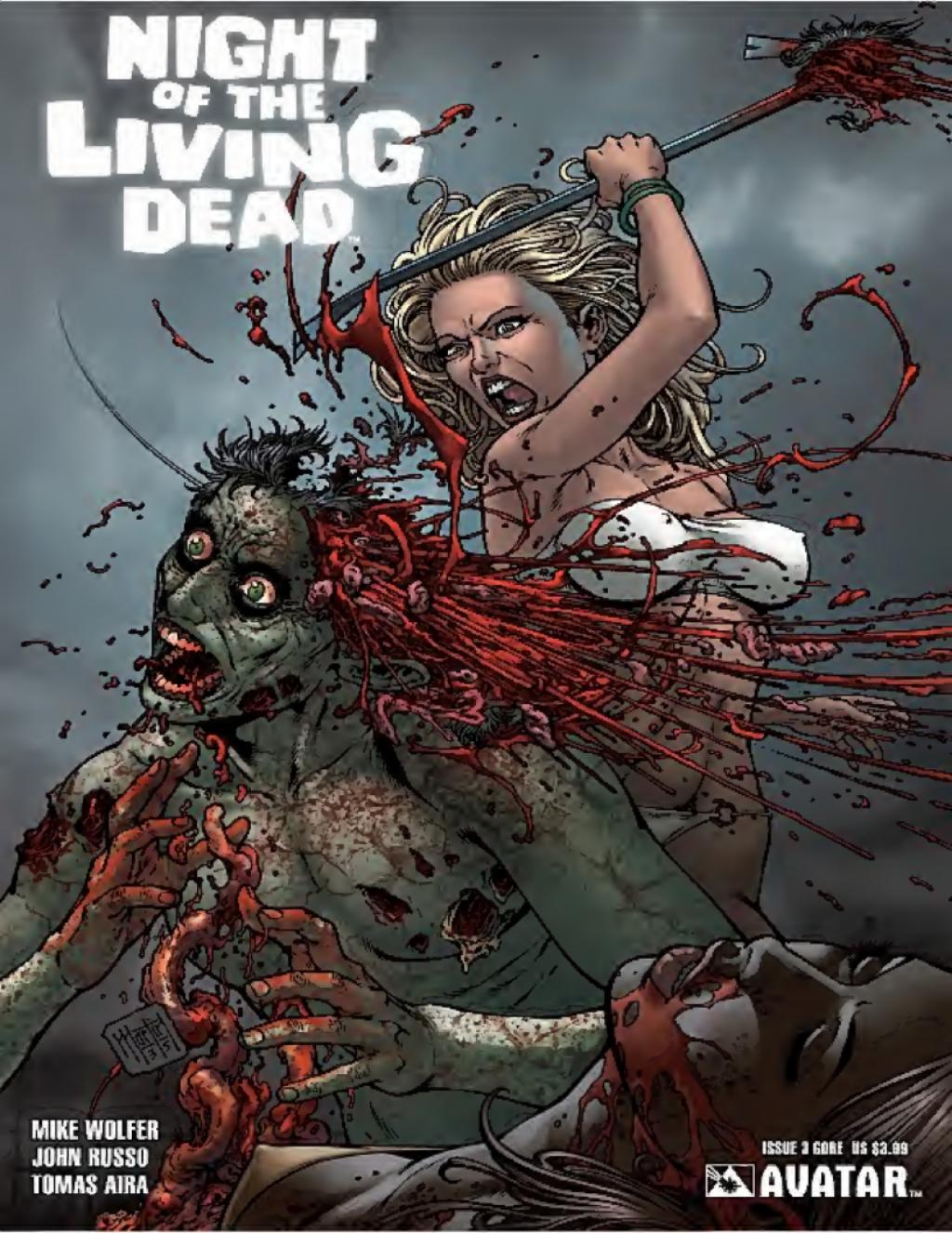
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JUST SOUTH OF THE
DEMOCRATIC
LINE WITH NORTH
VIETNAM WAS A
VILLAGE NAMED
HOI LAI.

ON OCTOBER 16TH,
1967, J COMPANY
WAS ORDERED INTO HOI LAI
TO DO RECONNAISSANCE
BECAUSE OF SUSPECTED
VIET CONG ACTIVITY
WITHIN THE VILLAGE.

J COMPANY
ENTERED HOI
LAI AND WAS
THERE FOR
MORE THAN 36
HOURS.

DURING THAT
TIME, WE
UNCOVERED NOT ONE
ENEMY COMBATANT, NO
EVIDENCE OF VIET CONG
ACTIVITY AND NOT ONE
ROUND WAS FIRED
AGAINST US.

BUT BEFORE J
COMPANY WAS
PULLED OUT, OVER
300 SOUTH
VIETNAMESE MEN,
WOMEN AND CHILDREN
HAD BEEN BRUTALLY
MURDERED.

THE FIRST SUSPECTED ENEMY TO DIE
WAS IN A RICE PADDY OUTSIDE THE
VILLAGE, WHOSE CRIME WAS RUNNING
WHEN WE APPROACHED. SHE WAS SHOT
BY A PRIVATE, ON DIRECT ORDER.

THE GIRL WAS ABOUT
20 YEARS OLD AND WAS
TRYING TO RECOVER HER
BABY, WHICH SHE HAD
AWAY FROM HER, SLEEPING
IN A WICKER BASKET AS
SHE WORKED IN THE
FIELD.

WHEN WE GOT
TO HER, SHE
WAS STILL
ALIVE, CRYING
AND BEGGING
FOR MERCY.

THE COMMANDING
OFFICER FIRED SEVERAL
ROUNDS INTO THE BABY,
BEFORE KILLING THE
MOTHER.

ONCE WE WERE IN
THE VILLAGE, IT ONLY GOT
WORSE, AND IT BECAME A
DISGUSTING, HORRIFIC
BLOODYBATH. IN THE MORNING,
IT WAS INHUMAN WHAT WE DID.
ONE SOLDIER COMMENTED THAT
THE VIETNAMESE WEREN'T
EVEN HUMAN, SO IT DIDN'T
MATTER WHAT WE DID.

WITH THEIR
HANDS RAISED
AND PLEASEING FOR
THEIR LIVES,
VILLAGERS WERE
ROUNDED UP AND
TORTURED, BURNED
LIVE OR
PREGNANT WOMEN
WERE KILLED IN
FRONT OF THEIR
FAMILIES.

YOUNG
GIRLS HAD
THEIR THROATS
SLIT WHILE THEY
WERE BEING
RAPED.

BABIES WERE
REPEATEDLY THROWN
AGAINST THE GROUND
TO SEE HOW MUCH
THEY COULD ENDURE
BEFORE THEIR SKIN
RUFURED.

DOZENS WERE
HERDED INTO
PITCHES AND SPRAYED
WITH AUTOMATIC RIFLE
FIRE, AND THOSE WHO
SURVIVED AND CRAWLED
TO THE SURFACE OF THE
DEAD WERE HIT BY
GRENADE
LAUNCHERS.

THE ONLY
SHOT I FIRED
WAS INTO MY
OWN LEG, SO
THAT I COULD BE
REMOVED OUT.

AND NO
ONE WILL TALK,
AND THERE IS NO
EVISCE. THE
SILENCE IS TERRIFYING.
HAPPENED. THERE WERE
NO SURVIVORS, AND THE
VILLAGE WAS BURNED
TO THE GROUND
AND BURSED.

I WILL NOT
NAME THOSE
WHO
PARTICIPATED,
THAT IS FOR YOU
TO UNCOVER.

I HOPE THAT
YOU WILL SLEEP
WELL TONIGHT,
MR. PRESIDENT.







